Involving private sector in tapping wind energy

2684. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3205 given in the Rajya Sabha on 18th August, 1994 and state :

(a) whether Government are formulating a special package for involving the private sector in tapping wind energy;

(b) whether any programme is being considered in Madhya Pradesh;

(c) whether 671 MW proposals are under various stages of finalisation with the State Governments; and

(d) if so, what are the details of the programme that are being considered and by when the target to wind energy is likely to be achieved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Under the new Strategy and Action Plan, special emphasis is is being given to the generation of wind power with the involvement of the private sector. The revised goal for the Eigth Plan is 500 MW. Several promotional and fiscal incentives are being offered by the Central and State Governments to encourage private participation in wind power projects. To provide a further boost to private sector projects, the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources has suggested guidelines to the States for introduction of more attractive and uniform promotional and fiscal incentives.

(b) A wind farm demonratstion project of 600 MW capacity has so far been installed in the State. Under wind resource assessment project, three favourable locations have been identified. A Joint Sector Company has been formed for establishment of wind energy estates in the State. The State Government has announced an attractive policy for private sector participation in the wind power programme.

(c) and (d) A wind power capacity of 180 MW was already been installed. Private sector proposals aggregating over 1500 MW are under various stages of discussions with the potential State Governments. The revised goal set for the Eigth Plan is likely to be achieved subject to finalisation of private sector proposals.

Ocean development schemes in Tamil Nadu

2685. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Ocean Development Schemes in progress in Tamil Nadu with Central aid;

(b) the details of earnings from Ocean Development Schemes in foreign exchange; and

(c) whether the prawn farming is popular in all the States; if so, the details of such projects and their annual earnings, State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT. (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Details are given at Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) The schemes sanctioned by the Department of Ocean Development are Research and Development in nature and do not yield any earnings in terms of foreign exchange.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Brackishwater Prawn Farming is becoming popular in all the maritime States. The Marine Projects Export and Development Authority (MPEDA) is implementing a scheme for the promotion of scientific prawn farming to augment the export production.

Details of the projects and their annual report earnings are given at Statement-II.

Statement I

Details of the on-going schemes of Department of Ocean Development in Tamil Nadu

(i) Establishment of National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) at Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, in December 1993 to undertake technology related programmes in the frontier areas of ocean development;

(ii) Marine Satellite Information Service (Marine Remote Sensing and Information System) for generation of data on geomorphology of coastal zone of Tamil Nadu and